

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2018 Meeting**

Committee Members: Amelia Brock, Stacey Brown, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, and Sarah and Marilyn Frazer

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor and Heather Shank, City Planner

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Marilyn Fraser

David Gill introduced guests from Concord Little League and Northeast Baseball

David gave an overview of the history of the lease agreements and the new proposals requested by both leagues. The Softball Leagues are looking at combining and would like to keep Dillon Field as softball field, while the little league would like to convert the field to a baseball field. There was a long discussion regarding use of fields, condition of fields, use of space and games schedules. David also noted that Dillon Field lease is still valid for several more years.

When the discussion concluded David laid out the next steps.

1. He will obtain the history of Dillon Field
2. If the lease at Memorial Field is being broken, cost estimates will need to be obtained based on loss of lease.

Councilor White Bouchard ended the conversation reiterating what David said about providing RPAC with the history, she also provided a timeframe of having the discussion at the September meeting and then bringing the findings to council.

New Business:

Stacey Brown gave an update from the sub-committee meeting from last month that focused on marketing and how to get the word out about all the new and exciting programs being offered at the CWCC. She made the group aware of the open house that will be held on August 30th to advertise all the Adult Programs.

David Gill gave an update on the White Park LED light project. CIP has been approved and came in under budget so we will also be able to make the improvements needed at Merrill Park. Amelia motioned to purchase the lights, seconded by Marilyn, approved.

David Gill then let the group know the budget for the trail from the Park to the Pool at Keach Park is under budget and therefore Parks & Recreation staff would like to add around 500 feet to the trail which would provide a half mile walking trail around the park and provide walking trail from the parking lot near the pool to the community center. Sarah motioned to approve walking trail, seconded by Stacey, approved.

Laura Bryant reviewed the drop-in rates with the group hoping to drop the Adult Pickleball fee to 3.00 for residents and 4.00 for non-residents. Amelia motioned to approve new rates, seconded by Stacey, approved.

There was a brief discussion about fall field use and which schools use which fields for football and soccer.

Sarah inquired about the closing date of pools and the feedback we had received on our Facebook page. Laura Bryant explained that it comes down to staffing and most of the 18 years leave in early August to go to college. David Gill also explained the lifeguard shortage we experienced this year.

RPAC had a brief discussion about the Skate House project and the Monkey around Playground.

Amelia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm Marilyn seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Recreation Supervisor, Laura Bryant